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$$Ar^{1}(X)_{\overline{m}}(C)_{\overline{q}}(Y)_{\overline{n}}(C)_{r}(Z)_{p}$$

$$R^{17}(C)_{t}(C)_{\overline{q}}(Y)_{\overline{n}}(Z)_{p}$$

$$R^{1}(C)_{t}(Z)_{p}(Z)_{p}(I)$$

$$R^{1}(C)_{t}(D)_{t}$$

(57) Abstract: The instant invention provides novel cholesterol absorption inhibitors of Formula I and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof. The compounds are useful for lowering plasma cholesterol levels, particularly LDL cholesterol, and for treating and preventing atherosclerosis and atherosclerotic disease events.